THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Extension of Metro Railway from Tollygunj to Garia

@373. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal Government has sent a proposal to the Central Government regarding extension of the Metro Railway from Tollygunj to Garia;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Metro authorities have also finalised a blue-print for the expansion of the metro from Salt Lake to Ramarajatala; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) During the period 1971-75, the Metropolitan Transport Project (Railways) Organisation in Calcutta had carried out feasibility studies for a mass rapid transit system for the city and had recommended provision of a Metro Railway network or the following corridors:—

Phase I: Dum Dum-Tollyganj — North South corridor (16.43 kms).

Phase II: (a) Extension of Dum Dum — Tollygunj corridor to Garia (8.067 kms.)

(b) Sailt Lake City—Ramrajatala—East-West corridor (17.088 kms).

Phase III: Dakshineshwar-Thakkurpukur 2nd North-South corridor (26.073 kms).

Out of the above, Phase I has already been sanctioned and is under execution.

Tamil telecast from Madras Doordarshan

374. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that more than 50 per cent of the population of Tamil Nadu are unable to see the Tamil Telecasts from Madras Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government propose to take any constructive steps to augment the Tamil Telecast; and

(c) whether Government propose to link Madras Doordarshan with INSAT-IC?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) At present the programmes produced and telecast by Madras Doordarshan Kendra are relayed only by the Madras and Kodaikanal high power transmitters. These two transmitters cover about 59% population of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) It has been decided to shortly commence telecast of regional service for a limited duration every day by all the transmitters in the State by utilisation of space segment facilities of INSAT-IB/IC.

Review of policy in respect of poultry sector

375. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Egg Coordination Committee has recom-

@Previously Unstarred Question 170, transferred from the 27th July, 1988.

mended certain policy issues for consideration by Government and if so, whether Government propose to review the policy in respect of poultry sector;

(b) whether the small producers are likely to be benefited in terms of technological advancement and adequate financial assistance to boost poultry production; and

(c) whether Government have identified centres for poultry farming in the country and whether Government are aware that Ajmer in Rajasthan is one such centre which needs development and if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) This Ministry has been receiving representations from National Egg Co-ordination Committee regarding various issues like exemption of Income Tex on poultry, restoration of cash compensatory support (CCS) on export of poultry produce, exemption/reduction on customs duty on import of amino acid etc. These issues have been taken up with the concerned Ministries. However, this Ministry is at present not reviewing any policy on poultry farming.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Under Special Livestock Breeding Programme, some districts have been identified for setting up poultry units with small and marginal farmers and agricultural labourers. Keeping in view the potential of poutry production, Ajmer in Rajasthan has been identified as one of the districts for setting up poultry units under Special Livestock Breeding Programme (SLBP).

Second TV channel at Hyderabad

376. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the request of Andhra Pradesh for a second TV channel at Hyderabad is pending with the Government and the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has written to Government for a second channel in Hyderabad besides Madras, at the earliest in view of growing public demand and also Hyderabad being an important Metropolitan city; and

(b) if so, since when the said request is pending and what steps have been taken to have second channel at Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has requested for establishment of second channel TV service in Hyderabad It is, however, not possible to accede to the request as the Seventh Plan of Doordarshan does not have any scheme/allocation for the purpose.

Welfare of primitive tribes

377. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the welfare of primitive tribes during 1988-1989, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the amount allocated for the welfare of primitive tribes in Orissa in 1988-89; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) A statement showing the Special Central Assistance earmarked for States/UTs for welfare of primitive tribes during 1988-89 is enclosed. (*See* below).